

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No. ) 09/550,649  
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Title ) METHOD OF TESTING BIT ERROR RATES FOR A  
WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXED  
OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 10, 2008, rejecting Claims 1-22 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-22 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance, without further search, and respectfully request such action.

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